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1. The Uruguayan Government has now developed fairly complete security plans for the Presidents' Meeting and will conduct a practice field exercise on 30 March. Uruguayan security officials, however, have yet to realize the practical problems involved and it is anticipated that the exercise will point out areas where overall adjustments will need to be made.
2. In the meantime, the Communist Party's plan for achieving extremist coordination on anti-summit activities is succeeding and the party has decided to intensify significantly its propaganda activity after Easter week. Beginning on 27 March, thirty or forty cars, capable of supporting thirty propagandists each, will try to canvas Montevideo nightly distributing propaganda. The Communist leader of the Transport Federation has stated that his organization will join the labor movement in a 24 hour general strike (no date given as yet) and the Communist dominated labor confederation has promised to organize strikes and slowdown in every Montevideo factory. On 6 April the Communist Party's youth organization will begin a march from the university to Punta del Este and the students and the labor confederation will jointly sponsor a "Conference of Solidarity with Peoples in Struggle" during Struggle Week 10-16 April.
3. Also during Struggle Week, the party hopes to organize anti-summit demonstrations and student strikes in secondary schools. In addition it has plans to halt all performances in Montevideo's 20 theaters for several minutes during which actors will read prepared anti-summit statements. The party guides or controls an important secondary teachers' and theatrical union and its plans stand a good chance of being at least partially implemented.

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